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SUBJ: DELTA/FLOMERCA PROBLEM: PRESS COVERAGE

REF: A. GUATEMALA 4098 B. GUATEMALA 4049

1. ONLY MAJOR AGITAION OF FLOMERCA/DELTA ISSUE IN PRESS AUGUST 2-4 WAS ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AUGUST 5 BY PRO-GOVERNMENT PID PARTY PROTESTING INTERVENTION BY DELTA (NOT USG) IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GUATEMALA. RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO RECOMMEND THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY INVESTIGATE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN REPRESENTING INTERESTS OF "A TRANSNATIONAL COMPANY". PID SPOKESMAN REPEATS FLOMERCA CLAIM THAT DELTA HAD PRESSURED GUATEMALAN COMPANY INTO AN AGREEMENT (WHICH IT REFUSED TO SIGN) AND THAT SUCH PRESSURE WAS ALSO APPLIED BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS. ALL OF WHICH CONSTITUTES "ECONOMIC AGGRESSION AGAINST PATRIOTIC INTERESTS" AND DIRECT INTERVENTION IN NATIONAL AND MARITIME POLICY IN CONTRAVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS ON LDC MERCHANT FLEET DEVELOPMENT BY "DIVERSE INTERNATIONAL FORCES".

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2. PID RESOLUTION SOMEWHAT LESS EXTREME THAN THAT

PROPOSED BY OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (REF. A).
WHETHER LATTER WILL BE REVIVED AUGUST 5 IN CONGRESS NOT
KNOWN. PID RESOLUTION SELF-SERVING, INDICATING SIMPLY
THAT PID IS ALSO FOR DEFENSE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND
PROMOTION NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE. IF IT PASSES, RECOM-
MENDED INVESTIGATION OF EMBASSY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY
SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE SINCE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
CHARGED WITH DOING IS A STANDARD FUNCTION OF ANY EMBASSY
IN ANY COUNTRY.

3. ONLY OTHER CITATIONS IN PRESS WERE 1) BELATED PUBLI-
CATION AUGUST 2 BY NACION OF EMBASSY STATEMENT (REF. B)
AND 2) THE SAME DAY A PASSING REFERENCE TO ISSUE IN COURSE
OF NEWS CONFERENCE ON ROLE OF FORFINA (INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-
MENT BANK) IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY ITS NEWLY APPOINTED
MANAGER, COLKX LIC. EMILIO PERALTA PORTILLO (FORMER HEAD
OF ARMY BANK, SUCCEEDING VICTOR SOLORZANO). CORFINA IS
SOLE GOVERNMENT SHAREHOLDER OF FLOMERCA.
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